# The Victoria Daily Times.

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## CANADIAN NEWS.

### A Chinese Opium Den in Toronto.

COTTON GOODS FOR ENGLAND.

Two Elopements—Railway News—A White Mica Mine—Sugar Inspector.

A TORONTO MAN SHOT.

The population of the Northwest is becoming mixed. There are Indians, half-breeds, immigrants from Whitechapel, crofters from the Outer Hebrides, Icelanders, Russian Jews, Mennonites, Dominion officeholders, and deaf mutes; and the Winnipeg Free Press announces that seventy-five New Zealanders are on the way up.

The public works department at Ottawa, Ont., has decided on the quality of sandstone to be used in the new department buildings on Wellington street. It is to be brought from a quarry a considerable distance below Quebec. The first car-load will arrive by the Canadian Atlantic in a few days.

D. Morrice & Co., of Montreal, are shipping 7,500 bales grey cotton to England by the steamship Brooklyn. The goods were sold by sample at 17½ cents per pound, or somewhat better than the lowest price ever received here. It is not stated whether the cost of manufacture will be covered.

Madame Josephine Mailleux has just died at Montreal, at the great age of one hundred and three years. Her late husband having preceded her at the age of ninety-nine. A sister of the deceased woman attended her funeral, although she is entering her one hundredth year.

The total shipments of live stock for the week ending Aug. 16 were 2507 cattle, 6407 sheep. During June and July the shipments were much less than during the same period last year, but now the export is gaining, and an active fall trade is anticipated.

Two elopements are chronicled in the local press of London, Ont., one of a man with his alleged sister, and the other of a Grand Trunk conductor with a young lady of Port Stanley. They give rise to considerable gossip, more especially the latter, as he has a wife living here.

Wm. C. Campbell, son of the late John Steadman Campbell, of Toronto, was shot on the streets of Paintrock, Concho Company, Texas, on Saturday, August 6th, by a former employee who claimed that Campbell owed him some money.

A young woman named Mary Stinson has been arrested at Kingston, and charged with stealing a pocketbook belonging to Dr. Curtis. After spending the money she is said to have burned $3000 worth of notes which it also contained.

Arrangements are in process to tender a fitting reception to Lieutenant-Colonel White, Commander of the Canadian Wimbledon team, on arrival at Ottawa on Monday next.

All the cotton in the storeroom of the Kingston mill has been sold, and an order for 250 bales has been received. The mill will be in operation again about the first of September.

General Superintendent Baker, of the Manitoba & Northwestern railway, says that the engineers are at work locating the extension of the line west of Minnedosa.

Miss Helen Ball, who goes to Central India as a missionary, left Hamilton lately for England, where she will join other missionaries for the same field of labor.

The Chicago Inter Ocean thinks that the portions of the Canadian Pacific that lie in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec bid fair to be profitable.

Inquiry shows that in Montreal only 31 of 124 English and Irish policemen speak French, while 119 of the 124 French policemen speak English.

Mr. A. G. Brown, of Ottawa, has struck a good white mica mine in the townships of Palmerston and Miller.

A Globe reporter has written up a description of a Chinese opium den which he claims exists in Toronto.

M. Steinitz, the chess player, will visit Montreal in the fall. Another tourney in that city is spoken of.

The appointment of a Government inspector of sugar, at $3000 a year, is rumored at Ottawa.

Mrs. Geo. Stephen will entertain Lord and Lady Lansdowne on their visit to the Association.

The bird known as the wild oat bird is making havoc with the oat crops in Puslinch, Ontario.

The Magog Company is said to be making saleable prints at the rate of 3,000 yards a day.

The total nominal capital invested in Canadian railways amounts to $494,271,264 95.

It is proposed to found colonies of Russian Jews in the Canadian Northwest.

The Hamilton police are busy weeding out disorderly houses.

Stratford, Ont., had a $12,000 fire in a woolen mill.

Principal Dawson, of Montreal, is to be knighted.

## PICKED UP ON THE CAMPUS.

### Bob Burdette Attends Several Commencements.

[Burdette.]

To-day! We stand on the threshold! We stand there! Waiting! To be asked in, Life! Is a river! We meet it boldly! Hope, courage, and high purpose thrill our hearts! We cannot tear aside the veil that hides the future from our view. The future! Is before us. The past! Is behind us. The present, however, stays right by us. We do not fear it. We press bravely on. Onward and upward! The hour strikes the noontide of the world. With resolute hands we grasp the shadows on the dial. Behind us, is the school. A long ways behind us, the most of it. Before us lies the world. We accept it. Grave are the responsibilities of the trust; especially the trust fund. But we accept them. Life long will be the labor of reform. We have put our hands to the plow, and we will never look back, until we get to Canada, whence we may look back in safety, and become lions and ornaments in Canadian society.

As the years roll on, which they will probably do, we will never forget our alma mater, but we will shake things up on the street ourselves, and if there is any re-hypothecating to be done, inquire within. Hoc tempore, the world is in bad form. Vice rules the world. Bonos viros take back seats in the convention. Lupus sits in the high places and judges of the people in the gates, while Agnus eks out a precarious existence in the wool business. Our rulers wallow in vice. The temples of commerce are as dens of thieves. Mistrust, guilt, and suspicions stalk through the land, nudus membra. All this has come to pass while we are at college. But we will reform all this sort of thing now. Not this week, because this week the gods look down from high Olympus to see the boat race. Next week the world holds its breath while our base ball match is played, and week after that the sun stands still upon the Gibeon and the moon in the valley of Ajalon, while we play the closing game of lawn tennis for the championship. But after that we will mount our bicycles and go forth conquering and to conquer.

Life is an ocean! Let us, then, cleanse its Augean stables of this blighting leprosy, and beard this lion in the bud, and, in the gathering gloom which marks the footprints of decay, throttle it in its cradle, ere yet its black wings shall strike its fangs deep into the soil of American freedom and with a Judas kiss betray our fondest hopes and brightest dreams into the sand-swept waste of this sirocco stricken maelstorm that yawns at our feet, waiting for some self-sacrificing Curtius to lay the ax at the root of this deadly upas tree that shadows all the land with the lurid light of its basilisk eye, which, siren like, charms with its delusive song, only to chill into pulseless stone with the Gorgon horror of its icy blast.

### McLean, of The Enquirer.

[Cincinnati Times-Star.]

John R. McLean is best known to fame as editor of The Cincinnati Enquirer. He is a young man of 35, and the only son of Washington McLean, formerly with James J. Faran, proprietor of the paper. McLean younger was educated thoroughly in America and Europe. He developed great business capacity, and a few years ago acquired complete control of the paper. Since then he has been devoting his attention to politics.

McLean is a short, heavy set, pretty little fellow, with blue eyes, a fat, chubby face, is ever nobbily dressed, and is gay company. He sings any sort of a song, speaks any language fluently, dances an Irish jig or plays the piano with equal grace. He can mimic any man he ever met, tells a dialect story with charming brogue, and can write a humorous sketch with the same grace and facility. He is a bachelor, although most men of his age and condition in life are fathers of families. It is said that there is a romance about his celibacy, and the entire story is yet to be ended.

However, Johnny McLean has a great big heart for his friends, and especially for his mother and sisters. During his lively experiences in Columbus recently his sister, Mrs. Gen. Hazen, was thrown from a carriage in Washington, and with her husband seriously hurt. The news of this came to John while busy in his political schemes, and diverted his mind entirely. He was very anxious until he learned that no serious results would follow. His love for his mother is even greater. It is said that during the hot summer nights Mrs. McLean would sit up at home awaiting the return of her boy from the busy scenes of a morning paper office.

### Helping the Editor Out.

[Texas Siftings.]

A clerical looking gentleman entered an Austin newspaper office yesterday, and drawing out a concealed document, said to the editor:

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"That's just the kind of a man he is.

"And too proud to beg."

The minister nodded.

"My dear friend, I appreciate your delicacy. You have described my condition precisely, but I had no idea I had enlisted your sympathy so strongly that you would take up a collection. It's all right. Just as soon as you get $10 or $15 together, bring it in to me, and I'll give you a receipt for it. God bless you, my noble friend," and he gently pushed the visitor, who expected to tap the editor for $1, out into the street, where he, after gazing around in a dazed sort of a way, kept on in his mission of mercy.

"One good turn deserves another," remarked the editor, as he resumed his seat. "That man came to help me out, and I helped him out."

### Whalebone Brushes.

[New York Sun.]

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### The Best Time.

[Texas Siftings.]

"Indade," said Mr. O'Rafferty, who was discussing the good old times; "the paple who lived in the wurruld whin there was not a single livin' soul on the face of the earth, had the best toime of it that I can imagine."

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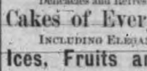

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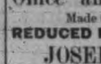

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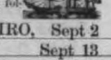

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### TO THE PUBLIC.

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## THE GUARDIAN ON THE RAMPAGE.

The *Mainland Guardian* is furious over what it alleges to be "The Coal Harbor English Bay Fizzle," in its last issue. We would advise our genial friend of the *Guardian* to keep cool, for no amount of vituperation or abuse of either the railway company, parties who have purchased property at Coal Harbor, or the Provincial Secretary and the member for New Westminster, will now, in the slightest degree, influence Mr. Van Horne's decision as to whether Port Moody or Coal Harbor is to be the favored locality. That gentleman has visited both places, making a thorough personal inspection thereof. His decision will be officially announced in a few days, and then the contemplated improvements will be begun in earnest. We cannot but regret to note the manner in which the *Guardian* charges people who are known to be interested in Coal Harbor with "chicanery" and other questionable acts, in the hope of being able to sell their property. We are not aware that any of the gentlemen we refer to have ever interfered with Port Moody property. They are contented to let each place rest on its own merits, a spirit the *Guardian* should likewise adopt. It is a matter well known to many here, that it is with difficulty property can be purchased at Coal Harbor at any price, owners not being anxious to sell at present. It is well known that the owner of that journal is largely interested in Port Moody which may, in a measure, account for its sweeping accusations against every person and place that honestly and not through Port Moody spectacles—believes that the C. P. R. Co., considered its own interests only in making the selection it has for its Pacific Coast terminus. Port Moody has been assured that it will not be entirely neglected, that the time would arrive when the entire Inlet would be required for harbor purposes. We hope that day is not far distant.

## ALL BUT INSPIRED.

Mr. John Bright, M. P., the Quaker member for Rochdale, England, is beyond doubt the most powerful platform orator living. Without a peer as a speaker, he can sway vast audiences as doth the wind a field of grain. Endowed with wonderful gifts, he is said by those capable of judging to be all but inspired. Although far advanced in the sere leaf of old age, his faculties are as perfect as they were a quarter of a century since. A few days ago the honorable gentleman addressed an audience of twenty thousand at Manchester. His reception was magnificent beyond compare. Twenty thousand voices were unanimous in acclaim. The cheering rose and fell, and rose again, and was sustained with a deafening roar, and the loud accompaniment of hand-clapping lasted a long time. As Mr. Bright rose to speak the cheering which greeted his first appearance burst forth anew—and the people would not allow their favorite to begin until, all upstanding, they sang in unison, "For he's a jolly good fellow, and so say all of us." His speech was enchanting. His clear, melodious, commanding voice filled the four corners of the huge building, apparently without an effort. When, with uplifted head and hands raised as if in devotion, he recited those lines from the Lord's prayer "which the peer put in their families and by agencies in their churches," Give us this day our daily bread, and then, suddenly changing his tone, and sweeping the air with his right arm, he cried out: "And yet every day, in that house, that the question came up speeches were made and votes given that denied to the millions of the people of this country the daily bread for which they prayed," the effect was electrical! The gifted orator played upon the hearts of the people, and their hearts vibrated to his every persuasive appeal. We have been accustomed to conflict, and we have been accustomed to conquer, and our triumph will be complete, he urged, and they responded with their cheers. He spoke of the House of Commons as representing the people directly, and of the upper chamber as a "House representing directly"—and then he paused for the space of a second, and added, in a voice as clear as a bell, "Nobody!" His anecdotes of Lord Beaconsfield interested the audience greatly, and made 20,000 auditors as completely silent as if they had been a knot of friends listening to a pleasant story told at a private dinner party.

## HON. ALEX. MACKENZIE, AND THE C. P. R.

The Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, accompanied by a few select friends, recently took a trip over the Canadian Pacific railway, from Lake Superior to the Summit, in this Province. The honorable gentleman felt pleased with all he observed, and in his enthusiasm sent the following telegram from the mountains to Mr. George Stephens.

"I heartily congratulate you on the wonderful work accomplished. Our trip exceedingly pleasant"

In traveling through the great northwest, the land of "illimitable possibilities," doubtless the ex-premier had much time to reflect on the past, and the part which he and his followers played in the construction of the great steel belt that will span the Dominion from ocean to ocean. There can be no doubt but that the work accomplished so far is truly wonderful. Mr. Mackenzie accomplished some of the most difficult himself, and prepared the way for the speedy completion of the rest. The road from Thunder Bay to the Red river may be said to bear the best characteristics of his work as well as the Pembina Branch from Emerson to Winnipeg, which formed no part of the original through line, and without which the Northwest would have had a railway outlet until about a year ago. The Montreal press, eager to catch at straws, are now patting Mr. Mackenzie for "such testimony from such a quarter is a pleasant offset to the villainous abuse of the *Globe*." Another adds: "It must be very gratifying, therefore, to the company and reassuring to the public to have Mr. Mackenzie express himself so thoroughly satisfied with what the company has accomplished. In happy contrast to the extraordinary attitude of the Toronto *Globe*, whose efforts at villifying the railway, the country through which it passes, and the corporation which has pushed the work forward with such energy and enterprise."

## OUR POSTAL ACCOMMODATION.

A few days since THE TIMES had occasion to refer to the inadequacy of our postal facilities. Again we advert to the subject, because it is one of importance, as grievances exist which, in our opinion, should be remedied. Already we condemned the system prevailing in the Victoria office of closing the mails for the Sound and all eastern points at an hour that virtually deprives our business men from replying to their correspondence with that promptness characteristic of all mercantile, shipping and manufacturing centers. It frequently occurs that the eastern mail is not delivered till after 4 p. m. The outgoing mail is then closed at 7 o'clock. Dinner hour intervenes between the delivery and closing, so that no reply can be made that day. This is not as it should be. The mail for the east should not be closed before midnight, which is five hours prior to the departure of the Sound steamer.

The complaint has frequently been made that the staff in the Victoria office is not as efficient as the business transacted therein demands. Representations to the effect have repeatedly been made to the post office officials at Ottawa. Repeated promises have been given that the force would be increased and experienced clerks sent from the East. As yet they are unfulfilled. In order to illustrate that the Victoria office is not to blame a comparison may be drawn between it and the Kingston, Ontario, office. In the population of both cities there is not much difference. The revenue of the two offices are almost dollar for dollar, each being about $19,500. The staff of the Kingston office outside the postmaster and his assistant, comprises one first class, two second class and eight third class clerks, seven letter carriers and one messenger. In all a staff of twenty. The entire mail matter for this Province is handled in the Victoria office by the postmaster and six assistants, the highest of whom only ranks as a third class officer. This is manifestly unfair to Mr. Wallace and his assistants. There is no "fight Canada policy" in this matter. It is one that effects the interests of our city and unless the Dominion members remonstrate against the continuance of such injustice we need not expect a change.

It is now understood that the Government are making arrangements for supplying the mainland with a daily mail service, and that correspondence has already taken place with that object in view between the Government and the C. P. Navigation Co. It is understood that the steamship company receive a subsidy of $12,500 a year for carrying Her Majesty's mails between this city and Yale. The contract calls for a service of four trips a week between Victoria and New Westminster and three trips from that city to Yale during the season of navigation. The condition of trade does not warrant more than three trips to New Westminster, while the river traffic above Port Hammond is in such a languishing state that two trips a week is deemed sufficient.

Beginning with next Monday morning important changes take place in the interior mail service. Victoria office puts up all mail matter and bills on the railway mail clerk at Port Moody. From that point the mails are to be conveyed by train three times a week to the end of the track.

It is to be hoped that arrangements will be completed at an early date for supplying the mainland with a daily mail. If the present subsidy is deemed to be insufficient, or if it requires readjustment, in the public interest it should receive attention without delay. The P. C. Navigation Co. have a fine fleet of steamers, many of which are at present lying idle for want of traffic. The government can afford a liberal subsidy for an efficient service such as that company can render the country.

## A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME.

A Trades Labor Council has recently been formed in Montreal, with branches in all eastern cities, towns and villages, where manufactories are located. The following are amongst its definite planks: The several governments should establish bureaus of labor and statistics; co-operative institutions for production and distribution shall be formed; public lands must be reserved for actual settlers, not another acre for railway or colonization companies; legislation providing for health and safety of all engaged in manufacturing, mining, and building demanded; laws required compelling chartered corporations to pay cash wages in full weekly. first lien on their work for full wages due to mechanics; abolition of the contract system in government and municipal works; prohibition of employment in workshops and mines of children under 14; substitution of arbitration for strikes; no convict labor to be let on contract; both sexes shall have equal pay for equal work; working hours to be reduced to eight hours a day, the government shall issue national legal tender of paper.

## TELEGRAPHIC.

### Cattle Shipments to Canada Stopped.

### WEALTHY SALOON KEEPER DIES.

### Gold Medal for McGill — Bankrupt Association—Burned at Sea—Spanish Quarantine.

### READY FOR WAR.

MARRIAGE IN PARIS.

PARIS, Aug. 30.—In the chapel Nonciature to-day, Viscount De Lande, of the diplomatic service, and May Parrot, an American, were married. The Papal Nuncio pronounced the benediction. Minister Morton was witness for the bride.

READY FOR THE FRAY.

PARIS, Aug. 30.—General Millot, commander of the French forces in Tonquin, telegraphs that the recent reconnaisance shows that the moving toward Quong Si Doi is not believed to be serious, but should an attack be made upon his position, he is prepared to meet it.

LATEST CHOLERA NEWS.

PARIS, Aug. 30.—Three deaths occurred from cholera at Marseilles to-day. The records of cholera in the Toulon hospitals for the twenty-four hours ending to-night, show: Admitted, four; discharged, six; deaths, two; under treatment, thirty-one.

### PRISONS TO FOR EXPLORERS.

MONTREAL, Aug. 30.—Notwithstanding the fatigue of Lieutenant Greely yesterday, he passed a restful night. In order to give him a fitting reception it has been arranged to have a dinner at the Windsor House on Tuesday. Places at the table are limited to fifty. The dancers will include the principal members of the association.

GOLD MEDAL FOR M'GILL.

MONTREAL, Aug. 30.—Montreal has decided to offer a gold medal to McGill University, to commemorate the present meeting of the British Association.

CONTRACTED FOR BEEF.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—The Government has contracted with a Chicago firm to supply 500,000 pounds of compressed beef for the Gordon relief expedition.

WEALTHY SALOON KEEPER DIES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—The death of S. H. Collins, proprietor of the well known Collins saloon, is announced this morning from dropsy. He came here in 1852, and was aged fifty-three. He leaves a fortune estimated at half a million dollars.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS STOPPED.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—The Canadian government replying to the reference from the Privy Council of the memorial of the ranch holders of the Western United States, asking for freedom to import cattle through Canada to England, refuse to grant the request on the ground that there will be a risk of introducing disease both into Canada and Great Britain.

THE ASSOCIATION BANQUETED.

MONTREAL, Aug. 29.—About fifteen members of the British Association visited Victoria Lodge, and were afterwards entertained at lunch by the Grand Trunk Railway. Sir Wm. Thompson has been appointed president, and other officers elected by the British Association now in session.

STEAMER ON FIRE.

HAVANA, Aug. 30.—The steamer City of Merida, from Vera Cruz for New York, is in the harbor on fire. She will probably be a total loss.

SPANISH QUARANTINE.

MADRID, Aug. 30.—A quarantine of ten days has been established at all Spanish ports against vessels from Algeria, owing to the arrival at Algiers of a French transport from Ton Fain with a great deal of sickness on board.

BURNED AT SEA.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—British ship, Earl Beaconsfield, from Glasgow for San Francisco, was burned at sea. The crew was landed at Valparaiso.

## NEW TO-DAY.

FOR SALE.—Split cedar posts for sale in quantities to suit purchaser. Apply to Harrison & McAllister, Johnson street. aug29tu

Climax Washing Powder, the only preparation which gives general satisfaction.

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### PERSONAL.

WANTED.—A gentleman of means and position, middle-aged, wishes to correspond with a lady who is desirous of a comfortable home and is willing to live in the interior upper country. One that is fair looking, not over 25 years of age and understands household duties preferred. Intentions strictly honorable. Address Charles De Vere, Box 509, Times office, Victoria, B.C. aug28-4t

### WANTED.

WANTED.—A lady would be glad to take music pupils either at her own house or that of her pupils. Address W. H., Postoffice, Victoria. aug21-6t

WANTED, the public to know that bargains in Real Estate are offered by W. H. Mason, Government street, near the postoffice.

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**Dissolution of Partnership.**

The firm of Lemberger & Lewis has been this day dissolved by mutual consent, Frank Lemberger retiring from the firm. In future the firm will be known as Aaron Lewis & Co., who will pay all liabilities and collect all outstanding accounts of the late firm.

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Graving Dock at Esquimalt Harbor, British Columbia.

According to plans and specifications to be seen on and after Monday, 1st September next, at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, and on application to the Hon. J. W. Trutch, Victoria, B. C.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied and prices affixed to the whole of the items stated therein, and signed with their actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque for the sum of $7,500.00, made payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, which will be forfeited if the party decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted, the cheque will be returned.

The Department will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender. By order,

F. H. ENNIS, Secretary.
Department of Public Works, Ottawa, 8th August, 1884. aug11

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907, 908, 909, 947, 948, 949.
IN BLOCK 44,
1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1317, 1318, 1319 1320, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1324, 1325.
IN BLOCK 46,
1342, 1343, 1344, 1345.
IN BLOCK 66,
1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972.
Victoria Harbor Water Lots.
546 A, 550 A, 551 a, 553 a, 564 a, 567 a, 568 a, 569 a, 570 C.

MAPS of the City of Victoria contain all the Lots. At an early date we will distribute a Special Map of the James Bay portion of the City of Victoria, which will include all the Lots to be sold and terms of sale.

JOSHUA DAVIES,
Auctioneer.

# LOCAL NEWS.

## Business of the Custom House for August.

### A WEST COAST ACCIDENT.

### A Liberal Donation—Queen's Cargo—Visitors Coming—Late Shipping News.

### THEATER ROYAL MATTER.

**A Liberal Donator.**

A correspondent supplies us with further particulars in reference to the $1200 donation recently made to the St. Andrew's church, New Westminster, by one of its members. The principal sum was, as stated, $1200, to which had to be added accrued interest. The donor, by an act of large hearted Christian liberality, freed the congregation from a heavy financial burden and placed its temporal affairs on a sound and satisfactory basis. A condition attached to the grant was that the donator's name should be withheld. Great satisfaction was expressed that the gift had come just when it did, as a fitting testimonial to the long, laborious and faithful ministry of the retiring pastor, Rev. Mr. Jamieson.

**Queen of the Pacific.**

The steamer Queen of the Pacific, Capt. Alexander, with freight and passengers, arrived off the outer wharf at 2 o'clock this morning, and about 6, pulled up to the wharf and commenced discharging. The Queen and the steamer Oregon sailed from San Francisco at the same time, and ran at about the same rate of speed, namely, eleven knots an hour, until the mouth of the Columbia was reached, when the Queen increased her up-coast speed to sixteen knots. She had a pleasant trip all the way.

**Reasons for the Withdrawal.**

It is stated that while the steamer Olympian has ostensibly been withdrawn from the Tacoma-Victoria trade for the purpose of receiving repairs, the real reason is the slacking of travel since the end of the tourist season is approaching. At present the Olympian may be expected to remain off, while the Alaskan, her sister ship, built for the Northern trade, has for several months past lain idle three miles below Portland.

**He Won the $100.**

After the yacht Alert, of Mr. L. Wilson and the Scud, of Mr. T. Jones, started on their race around Bell buoy yesterday afternoon, the wind suddenly arose sufficiently to make the contest quite interesting, notwithstanding the unpropitious outlook. The start was made at about 2 o'clock and at 5:07 the Alert came in on the finish, winning the $200 stakes.

**A Change of Date.**

After the Chilliwhack Agricultural Society had fixed and published the date of its coming exhibition, says the Columbian, the Provincial Association fixed upon the same date for the Provincial show. It has been decided, therefore, to postpone the Chilliwhack exhibition until Thursday and Friday, the 2d and 3d of October.

**Mrs. Blinkhorm's Death.**

Mrs. Blinkhorm, a highly respected lady of eighty years, who for more than fifty years has been a resident of Victoria, died yesterday at 11 o'clock. She was the first white woman on Vancouver Island, and leaves everyone to mourn her loss. The funeral obsequies will take place to-morrow.

**Visitors Coming.**

There arrived to-day in Portland, en route to Victoria and other Northwest points, Judge Stephen J. Field and Cyrus W. Field, with a party of some six or eight other persons. Judge Field will sit in U. S. Court with Judge Deady for a few days and then they will proceed to this city.

**Nearly an Accident.**

Mr. Willey, of Esquimalt, was cantering his horse through the city last evening, and when turning the corner of Johnson and Government streets, the horse slipped and fell heavily to the ground, carrying his rider with him. Mr. Willey, however, quickly remounted and rode off, apparently uninjured.

**One Day More.**

Prof. Morse will remain with us till Monday evening. This will be the last chance for those who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity of getting one of his invaluable instruments; one chance in a life-time. Office Grand Pacific hotel.

**Illness of Hon. Mr. Beaven.**

Hon. Robt. Beaven did not rest very well last night, but is, notwithstanding, slightly improved to-day. For three or four days he has been getting on slowly, almost doubtfully, but it is hoped to-day that he will in due time recover.

**Loading Freight for the North.**

The steamer Otter, Captain Gardner, came along side of Spratt's wharf to-day to load general merchandise for Nass river and Fort Simpson only. She will leave at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening.

**Quite True.**

In Russia the girls carry dynamite concealed in their back hair. In Victoria they carry it in their dear little eyes. In either case success attends every effort on the part of the girls to make a mash.

**Arrived With Bark.**

The schooner Saynard, Captain Andrew Lang, with fifty tons of bark from Point No Point, for the Heathorn's tannery arrived here at 9:30 this morning.

**H. M. S. Swiftsure.**

H. M Flagship Swiftsure, Admiral Lyons, returned to-day from English Bay, where she has been engaged in torpedo practice.

**Arrived with Lumber.**

The steamer Lottie, Capt. Marchant, arrived this morning from Cowichan, with a scow load of lumber for the Cowichan lumber yard.

**A Single Drunk.**

In Police Court this morning there was only one drunk on the docket. Jim, an American Indian, was the unfortunate, and he was taxed $5 for this offence.

**Yosemite's Freight.**

Steamer Yosemite brought down from the mainland to-day a large number of cattle and other freight.

**Saanich Fair.**

The Saanich Fair will be held this year on October 2d.

**The "Times," in Massachusetts.**

[Boston Daily News, July 26th.]

We have received the first number of the Victoria (B. C.) DAILY TIMES. It makes a good appearance notwithstanding the difficulties attending the workings of a new press, and is well filled, although the telegraph lines of the Western Union were down until too late for that day's issue. Two columns are filled with descriptions of new buildings going up, the best evidence of the prosperity of the city. Captain John Irving, the manager of the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, is erecting a mansion for his own use, in the Queen Anne style. British Columbia is to be largely visited by tourists this summer. The advertisement of the Atlantic Express from Portland, Oregon, to St. Paul by the Northern Pacific Railroad, and the withdrawal of the steamship line from Victoria to Portland indicates the change going on in the transportation business. A sawmill is described which has a machine that in two seconds will saw forty boards from the log. Under Police items we notice that "drunks" are fined only $1.25. Certainly cheap enough. Some of our confirmed "bloats" who are up before the courts every few days at $5 and costs had better move on to Victoria. Under heading, "To encourage population," the offer is made to "every lady who presents her spouse with twins, a copy of the DAILY TIMES free for a period of three months." No chromos appear to be offered for new subscribers.

**Church Services To-morrow.**

First Presbyterian Church, corner Pandora and Blanchard street. Rev. Donald Fraser, pastor Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

The Calvary Baptist Society meets in Temperance Hall, Pandora street, at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

St. Johns Episcopal Church, corner Douglas and Pisgard street, Rev. Mr. Jenns officiating. Services at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

The Reformed Episcopal Church, Humboldt street. Rev. Bishop Cridge. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p.m. Bible reading at 7:30 on Friday evening of the week.

St. Andrews' Cathedral, Humboldt street, Rev. Father Jonckan. The services of low mass observed at 8 a. m. High mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a. m. and vespers at 7 p. m., at View Street Hall.

St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church, Courtney street. Rev. James Christie, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and also at 7 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

Wesley Methodist Church, corner Pandora and Broad streets. Rev. W. W. Percival, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

Christ Church Cathedral. Rev. Bishop Hill. Services at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

**Freight by the Queen.**

The following is the list of freight which arrived to-day by the Queen of the Pacific:

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| A Ofner | A B Gray & Co |
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| Fell & Co | Fellows & Prior |
| F W Foster | F Safereede |
| F Norris | F P Huenke |
| G Vienna | G W Lacker |
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| Henry Short | Hudson Bay Co |
| J H Todd & Son | J Isaacs |
| J R Homer | J Braden |
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| On Hing & Bros | P McQuade & Son |
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| S A Morse | Turner, Beeton & Co |
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| Wm Allen | W Heathorn |
| Wm Bell | Wm Seagna |
| W Dewey | W S & Co |
| W & W | Wing On |
| W Anderson | W L Cameron |
| W J Jeffree | York & Lee |
| Yuen Lung | Wells Fargo & Co |
| A Ogdenbuk | Lun Chong & Co |
| Fook Yuen & Co | Tai Soong & Co |
| Quong Fook | Poo Yum |
| C McNaughten | C McDonough |
| D S Curtis & Co | G Leiser |
| J Cunningham | Rev M J Harris |
| Douglas & Deighton | Henry Jewell |
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| D Spencer | Chas A E Nelson |
| Clement Cornwall | Alex McDonald |
| Strauss & Co | J Jeffree |
| | R Maynard |

**Boring for Wells.**

Mr. S. Calbick has been engaged some time boring for water on Mr. Guichon's farm, Mud Bay. He has gone through nearly ninety feet of pure sand without any indication of bottom. Throughout the whole depth clam shells have been met with. These facts are obtained from the Columbian.

**West Coast Accident.**

A letter received by Mr. W. P. Sayward, from Barclay Sound, announces the drowning of Mr. T. Swett. While he, with some others was releasing a flat boat which was entangled among rocks in the Cascade river, a tree fell and knocked him into the stream. The body has not yet been found.

**Departure.**

The Fay Templeton Opera company return to Portland for one week, next Monday evening, and the management here chartered the Eliza Anderson to leave here at 3 o'clock to-morrow morning, so as to connect with the Portland train at Tacoma to-morrow at 5 p. m.

**A Larger Wharf.**

A telegram has been received at Port Moody, says the Guardian, directing a vast increase of wharf accommodation, which will be attended to at once. Fifteen thousand tons of steel rails are on the way from England and will arrive early this fall.

**Customs Returns for August.**

The following shows the amount of business transacted at the port of Victoria for the month of August: Collections at the port of Victoria, duties, $63,528.10; miscellaneous, $334.63; total, $63,862.73.

**VICTORIA MARINE NOTES.**

The steamer R. Dunsmuir, Captain Rogers, is due to-morrow at noon. She will either bring coal or shingles, and will leave again on her regular return trip to Port Moody, at 5 o'clock Monday morning.

**More Bark Shipments.**

The steam schooner Dolphin, with sixty or seventy-five tons of tan bark, from Point No Point, is expected to arrive this evening. She will probably bring down a scow also, loaded with bark.

The complexion of a lady indicates the state of her health; it always improves after using Peruvian Bitters.

# LEPROSY.

## The Cases Here and on the Mainland.

### THE LEPER LATELY BURNED.

### The Best Methods of Preventing the Spread of this Loathsome Disease.

### SOME REVELATIONS.

The enquiries of the Chinese Commissioners has brought about a considerable discussion in reference to leprosy. Those partial to the Mongolians have endeavored to decry the idea that it exists now or at any time in this Province. The history of this loathsome disease shows that it is most prevalent on the seaboard, whose inhabitants have for their principal food, salmon, and livers of the different varieties of fish. No doubt fish that are not well cured, or those that are stale and decomposing are more likely to propogate the disease. The largest known leper hospital is at Berjen, in Norway. This is also the largest fish market in the world. It has also existed amongst the inhabitants of the Orkney Islands. The Cornish fishermen suffered from it also. Climate cannot be said to be a cure for leprosy, as it exists in various climates. The

CLIMATE OF THIS COAST

Seems to be a favorable one for its ravages, as California and the Sandwich Islands have more than their share of the disease. At the latter place an isolated island has been set apart for the reception of such as are afflicted with the scourge. Special medical attendants are likewise provided. A few days ago it was announced that a whole white family in Oakland, California, were stricken down with the foul disease. Dr. Graham, of Toronto, a specialist in skin diseases, made a report on his visit and investigations of the settlement of Tracadie, N. B., last summer. It was read before the Canada Medical Association. His conclusions were as follows:

DR. GRAHAM'S REPORT.

(1) The origin and early spread of the disease cannot be explained on the theory of hereditary transmission, although this theory may account in part for its further propagation. (2.) Although endemic influences, such as climate, mode of life, diet, etc., may be strong predisposing elements, they are in no case the sole cause of the disease. (3.) Leprosy in Tracadie was imported from without, and finding there favorable conditions, was propogated from one person to another by contagion. Finally, leprosy may be regarded as one of the least contagious of diseases, and one which will spread only under a combination of favoring circumstances, such as were found in Tracadie.

The report likewise contains the history of cures, and cites them as showing the contagiousness, which he believes to be authentic. Instances are given, such as carrying the coffin of a dead leper, smoking the pipes of lepers; washing their clothes, etc., and states, "It is impossible to account for the appearance of the disease at the same time in three or four families, on any other theory except that of contagion." Accepting his report, and comparing British Columbia climate and the mode of living among the Chinese, it cannot but be wondered that this foul disease does not exist to a greater degree than it does at the present time. Several cases are known to exist, and no doubt many are kept in the dark. There are

SEVERAL ON THE MAINLAND.

It was only last week that a leper was burned to death in his cabin by his countrymen, who adopted this mode of getting rid of the unfortunate creature. To the police several cases are known in this city. An incipient case is supposed to be in the jail. The unfortunate has been in the city prison several times on account of vagrancy. His countrymen regard him as a foul leper, and will neither give him employment, nor render assistance. He was arrested walking the streets in a state of starvation. If our information is correct, and the city prison is to be converted into a leper hospital, the matter requires the strictest investigation for the safety of the community. If the facts as stated by Dr. Graham be accepted, the prisoners are not only serving their term of conviction, but likewise are liable to

CONTRACT THE DISEASE.

The case reported from California of one family of five or six being lepers shows conclusively that contagion is possible. The condition of one person is such that a prisoner has to be locked up with two or three others and contact with the disease becomes more serious. The Chinese mode of living is no doubt a grand field for leprosy, as they live very much on fish, which to John is a matter of indifference as to whether it is fresh or been allowed to bask in the sun for a week. The filthy habits of this class, combined with the fact that they live like hogs in one room is of itself sufficient to propogate such diseases. A thorough investigation is demanded so that a report can be sent to the Chinese Commission at Ottawa to be embraced in the report which they no doubt will submit to Parliament at its next session.

**SUPREME COURT.**

Before His Lordship Chief Justice Begbie, the case of Anderson vs. The Corporation and Jas. D. Bryant and Thomas Russell, President and Secretary of the Agricultural Society, came up to-day. Mr. Theodore Davie, for the plaintiff, obtained permission to amend the action by adding the name of the Attorney-General, he having consented to such a course. The President and Secretary of the Agricultural Society will still be held as defendants, the notice served on them being considered as having been served on the whole Association. The injunction will remain in force until the hearing of the case. His Lordship commented very strongly on the case. He said that under the Acts of 1876 and '81, Beacon Hill Park was placed in charge of the Corporation, to be used for public pleasure and recreation. There was talk of erecting emigrant sheds there, and there would be 1,000 families there, each one of whom would have five or six children. The action of giving twenty acres was preposterous, and would not have been entertained in any other civilized community.

**Crossings of the Kicking Horse.**

The fourth, eighth, and ninth crossings of the Kicking Horse river will be effected by temporary pile trestles, in order not to retard the track laying, but over the fifth, sixth and seventh, the permanent Howe trusses will be erected at once, owing to the fact that piles cannot be driven at those places.

**A CLEVER PARODY.**

The following reply to Robert Burns' popular poem is taken from an Australian paper. It is well worth reading, and even a corner in the scrap book of selected gems:

"A man's a man," says Robert Burns,
"For a' that and a' that,"
But though the song be clear and strong,
It lacks a note for a' that.
The lout who'd shirk his daily work,
Yet claim his wages and a' that,
Or beg when he can earn his bread,
Is not a man for a' that.

If all who dine on homely fare,
Were true and brave and a' that;
And those whose garb is "hodden grey,"
Was fool or knave and a' that;
The vice and crime that shame our time,
Would fade and fall, and a' that;
And ploughmen be as good as kings,
And churls as earls for a' that.

You see you brawny, blustering sot,
Who swaggers, swears, and a' that;
And thinks, because his strong right arm
Might fell an ox, and a' that,
That he's as noble, man for man,
As duke or lord and a' that,
He's but a brute, beyond dispute,
And not a man for a' that.

A man may have a large estate,
Have palace, park, and a' that;
And not for birth, but honest worth,
Be thrice a man for a' that,
And Donald, herding on the muir,
Who beats his wife, and a' that,
Be nothing but a rascal boor,
Nor half a man for a' that.

It comes to this, dear Robert Burns,
The truth is old and a' that,
"The rank is but the guinea's stamp,
The man's the gold for a' that.'
And though you put the minted mark
On copper, brass, and a' that,
The lie is gross, the cheat is plain,
And will not pass for a' that.

For a' that, and a' that,
'Tis soul and heart and a' that,
That make the king a gentleman,
And not his crown and a' that.
And man with man, if rich or poor,
The best is he for a' that,
Who stands erect in self respect,
And acts the man for a' that.

**OUR FREE PARLIAMENT.**

**The Theater Royal Difficulty.**

VICTORIA, Aug. 30, 1884.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES:

SIR:—Anent the remarks of the Colonist, in regard to the interference of the police at the new Theater Royal, on the evening of Thursday last, I for one do not propose to allow the authorities of Victoria to trample on my liberty with impunity, as was attempted on that occasion. It must be conceded that it is the duty of all law-abiding citizens to assist the authorities in preserving order, but when they stand in the way of the undoubted rights of the subject, it is simply the action of a slave to submit to such interference. Finding the editor of the Colonist advising complete obedience to the powers that be will no doubt be a source of gratification? To those who are acquainted with a certain action of that gentleman which happened about a decade ago, when he, at the head of a number of others, invaded the House of Assembly, jumped over the bar of the House, and threatened to drive the government and members from their seats, whereupon the Speaker left the chair and the House stood adjourned.

The remarks referred to scarcely come with good grace from a gentleman who so far forgot himself on that occasion. It is true that, from a charitable standpoint, we ought to view the shortcomings of a misguided individual with leniency, especially when that person is found on the stool of repentance. To be brief, let us have no more of such spiteful interference.

LAW AND ORDER.

**Canadian Pluck and Enterprise.**

W. J. Bell, (crown prince) of Bell & Co., organ manufacturers, Guelph, sailed for Europe a few days ago, and in less than the twinkling of an eye will again conduct the firm's business in Neumeyer hall London, W. C. A good story is told of Mr. Bell during his last visit to Europe. He had been all over the continent talking Bell organ. He had tackled the French, the Germans, etc., etc., but the Turks alone remained. Mr. Bell telegraphed from Hamburg to Lord Dufferin at Constantinople asking His Excellency (who well knew the Canadian industry represented) if any organs could be sold at the Turkish capital. His Lordship promptly replied that a good musical instrument always soothed the savage heart of the every day Mohammedan. In ten days W. J. Bell was in Constantinople, and in four hours after his arrival had bagged an order from a native effendi for one hundred Bell organs. They were duly shipped from Guelph, and during his present visit to Europe Mr. Bell will again visit Constantinople. Messrs. Cross & Co., of this city are agents for the Bell organ in British Columbia.

**Canadian Pacific Forest.**

In few days the track will cross Cache creek, seven miles from the summit of the Rockies. It is to be hoped that the track-layers will not experience any more checks, as they wish to cross the Columbia this year. The more sanguine expect to see the locomotives reach the summit of the Selkirks, twenty-five miles farther west, before work is shut down for the winter, but this is doubtful. There are eleven construction parties of engineers on this division this year. Each construction party consists of a division engineer, a rodman, a chainman, and a cook. Five miles are allotted to each party. Nearly all have completed the work on their first section, and have moved west to their second. W. A. Doane, C. E., has charge of the office here in which all the bridges, trestles, etc., are designed. E. H. Beckler, C. E., has charge of the erection of the bridges, trestles, and culverts. On location, four parties are working on the Selkirk range, under Mr. J. H. Armstrong, C. E., and three on the other side under Major Rogers. There are about seventeen men on each of the locating parties.

**Another Railway Smash-Up.**

Accidents by rail are growing numerous. On Thursday morning says the Guardian, at about 10:30, the regular train from Port Moody came into collision with a working train on the high trestle near Squakum Lake, the engine and nine cars, heavily loaded with iron, attached to the regular train, being thrown over the trestle, a distance of twenty feet. Strange to relate, no one was hurt, though some of the escapes were almost miraculous. It seems that the regular train was running within the limits assigned to the working train, and should have sent a man ahead to flag the latter. This was not done, and a smash-up involving a loss of $20,000 is the result. The engine "Nicola" lies bottom-up in the mud, badly damaged, while report says the cars are totally demolished. The engine of the working train was somewhat damaged, but did not leave the metals. There will doubless be an investigation, and the "someone that blundered" will lose his head.

# PORT ANGELES.

## Future Railway Terminus On the American Side.

### ITS SPLENDID HARBOR.

### An Intention of Connecting it Directly With San Francisco.

**THE ADVANTAGES IT HAS.**

It is proposed by a number of monied men and railroad magnates to build up a town on the Washington Territory side of the straits, and only seventeen miles directly across from Victoria, so that it can be reached in less than three-quarters of an hour by boats, such as the Alaskan and the Olympian. With this object in view, the men referred to have been quietly taking up land, and acquiring possession, by purchase, of large tracts, until now they have some 20,000 acres. This place, "Puerto de Los Angeles," as the early Spanish navigators termed it, is admirably adapted for the future large city. It has a magnificent harbor, with plenty of water and good anchorage. Otherwise, also, it presents

EVERY POSSIBLE ADVANTAGE,

required in a large commercial and shipping point. It can be connected with the railroad line, running to San Francisco via Portland, Oregon, or to the Eastern States via the Northern Pacific, by building a line less than 100 miles in length, and passing through a fine country for agricultural and stock raising purposes. There are there some of the finest timber lands in the Northwest. There is to be a large saw mill erected at Port Angeles immediately. Not only has this place got a fine harbor, and every other requisite for making a future city, but at this point a cable could be laid to Victoria, thus giving the Island of Vancouver another chance, and one much needed, too, for getting news from the outside world. The farmers who are settled throughout the country are all prosperous and can raise all kinds of crops, hops and fruits with the greatest ease. It is also found to be an excellent country for dairy purposes, some of the dairy ranches having been in operation for some time, and with the utmost success. The chances for success, among fishermen, for carrying on cod and other kinds of fisheries cannot be excelled anywhere, and the country abounds with game of every description.

OVERLAND PASSENGERS,

Coming via the Canadian Pacific, would enjoy the short space by water of only an hour or so, which is much better than going to San Francisco by sea and taking over three and a half days of sea sickness when the whole could be done by rail in two days. There is one thing undoubtedly true that this magnificent port is attracting unusual attention just at present. Old sea captains pronounce it to be by far the best harbor of any in these waters. It has also an inexhaustable supply of good fresh water, from the Olympian Range. Port Angeles will be made an American naval station, and some fine fortifications will be erected here immediately. The folks also up the Bellingham Bay way, are quietly going on grading their line of railroad towards St. Mary's Mission.

**"Fatinitza" and "Olivette."**

The Philharmonic hall was packed last night by a very intelligent audience to witness the rendition of Von Suppe's masterpiece, the opera of "Fatinitza," by the Fay Templeton company. Everybody was, as a result, highly entertained. The members of the company appeared in elegant new costumes, and the music was far superior to any other opera rendered in the city for a long while. Of course, the members of the company, appeared to a great disadvantage, but this is no fault of theirs. All the companies visiting this city are obliged to undergo the same difficulty. Manager Howe has never yet brought a better company to Victoria. He has made a good selection, and is getting large houses. At the matinee this afternoon was presented "La Belle Coquette," another popular opera, and to-night "Olivette" will be given. This company play the latter opera much better than any other company on the coast. They ought to have another crowded house to-night.

**Important Agricultural Meeting.**

On hearing the decision of the Chief Justice in the injunction matter a meeting of the managers of the Agricultural Association directors was held in the City Hall this afternoon. It was decided that a committee should proceed to the neighborhood of Beacon Hill park with the view of ascertaining if suitable ground could be procured whereon to erect an exhibition building that could not be interfered with. The meeting then adjourned for one hour.

**Rithet's Passengers.**

The following passengers arrived this afternoon on the Rithet: R. Foster and wife, Miss Anderson, Miss Borthwick, H. K. Prior, J. Clendenning, R. Cridge, W. Chandler and wife, Capt. Clements, T. E. Peck and wife, D. Crowther, A. Johnson, Mr. Harris, Miss Harris, Mr. Hendricks and wife, Mr. Creech and wife, Mr. Stewart and wife, Mrs. Corin, J. Sherman, Miss Elliott, Mrs. Crowther, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Catheart, Mrs. Switzer, J. Gray, and 25 others.

**"Olivette."**

Usually opera companies visiting the Sound cut their company to the least possible number of people which can produce the operas. From what has been seen of the Fay Templeton Co., the public may expect to see the above opera presented to-night, as it has never been seen before in Victoria, as they certainly have the artists and costumes for the full cast.

**Society at Laggan.**

"Last year," says a correspondent, "we did not see a lady out here, but this year there are many families at Laggan, and over forty in the front. Every week now sees excursions, walks, horse-back rides, picnics, mountains scaled, scenery explored, and a dance or two."

**A Beautiful Picture.**

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## THE LUCK OF A LOG.

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Of all the suburbs south of the Thames, Clapham has the appearance of the most homogeneous prosperity. Its ways are broad and open, its houses substantial and well kept. An air of comfortable competence is to be found in its quietest nooks, while the splendor of city riches shines on its most conspicuous squares and roads and terraces. The common is its glory, the crown of its affluence. To live on Clapham common means an obliging banker, efficient servants, gallant horses, and no more personal knowledge of bankruptcy than a Kafir has of estheticism.

Of all the houses on Clapham common the most spacious is the Log Hut. It stands with four fair walls against the four lights of heaven. The exterior aspect is large and free; responsible without pretentiousness; comfortable without sordidness; liberal without prodigality. The interior more than confirms the outward promise. In summer it is full of subdued sunlight, and open to the wandering perfumes of the garden beyond. In winter huge fires blaze forth welcome. The silver shines, the pictures gleam, the drapery grows mellow, the carpets catch the warmth, the ceiling throws down the glow of the ruddy light. Soft chairs and couches woo the stranger to repose, and importune him to delay.

The master of this house, Mr. William Bayliss, had just reached his 60th year of life. He was a man of rather more than the middle height. His figure was but slightly stouter than forty years ago. He had large, kindly blue eyes, a broad, unwrinkled forehead, and, save where a fringe of grey hair ran round the lower part of his head, he was quite bald. He did not wear whiskers, beard or mustache. In youth he had been good-looking. In age he had a singularly gracious, benevolent face.

Mrs. Bayliss, five years his junior, and married to him thirty years ago, reflected many of the leading characteristics of his expression. She had been his good wife all that time. She believed there was no better man than he in all the world.

To this good couple one daughter had been born. Kate was her name. And now this day, in the middle of leafy June, Kate was to be married. She was to marry Edward Mayne, the choice of her own heart, the only sweetheart of her girlhood, and the suitor who had won the love and respect of her father and mother.

Edward Mayne was a jovial, light-hearted fellow, with animal spirits enough for a parish, good heart enough for a county, and as much good sense as you would like to see in any fine, handsome, dashing young fellow of seven-and-twenty. Although he had not been up to this at all blameless, he was, everyone said who knew him well, of the best kind of raw material from which the best kind of Englishman is made.

When all the oratorical formalities of the breakfast had been complied with, and yet an hour was to spare before the bride and bridegroom set out upon their honeymoon, the master of the house rose and said:

"There is just time before the young people leave us for a little story, which has been a blameless secret between my wife and me for many a year. Some of you are old friends, yet I think the memory of none of you reaches back to the circumstance which caused me to call this house the Log Hut.

"It has been my good fortune—good fortune for which I am ever grateful to heaven—that, having begun life with a modest education and no fortune, I have arrived, toward the close of my years, at a position of comfort, nay, moderate affluence.

"I began life in the city of London in the office of a large timber firm. At 16 I entered the office, and until I was close upon 20 was occupied in the ordinary routine of the counting-house. I never cared much for desk-work, and I was glad of the opportunity of leaving my desk and taking a position in our great timber-yard. Here was a life of physical activity, in which I found scope for judgment; at the office I had done merely mechanical work.

"Marston & Co. bought and sold wood of all kinds—Swedish, North American, West Indian, British African. I quickly became master of my business. I liked it, and liking in business is more than half the battle. I need not go into technical detail; it will be enough if I say that when I reached five-and-twenty years of age I was one of the best judges of logs in London. To those who know nothing of the business it may seem that little or no skill is required in selecting timber. But when we come to consider the wide difference of prices of fancy wood of the same kind, the value of an expert will appear.

"At this time I had a salary which will appear, while sufficient to keep a bachelor in a homely way, was altogether inadequate to the support of a wife and family. But"—here he leaned with a pleasant, gentle courtesy toward his wife—"I had made up my mind who my wife should be if ever I married. Out of my small salary I was able to lay by a little money. We used to call this her dowry"—here he bowed again in the direction of his wife—"for she was an orphan, alone in the world, and kept herself on her slender earnings as a schoolmistress.

"Three or four sons of members of the firm were in the business, so that I, being without capital, had little or no chance of ever attaining to a partnership. There were, of course, men with much larger salaries than my own, but they were older by twenty years, and waiting for dead men's shoes is bad work. I plainly saw that marriage was for me out of the question as long as I staid with Marston & Co. Accordingly, when I was about 26, and had saved close upon a hundred pounds, I went to the head of the firm and explained my case. I told him I felt, as far as the business and the treatment I received went, perfectly satisfied, but that I was anxious to push my fortune so that I might settle in life. Old Mr. Marston was extremely kind. He told me that they were greatly pleased with me, and that they would do anything in reason rather than let me go, but that certain infrangible conditions of promotion existed, that I could not be put over the heads of my seniors, and that although he was willing to increase my salary to the utmost limit—consistent with my services—he could not on any account overstep the limit. I explained that the increase he offered would not meet my views, and that I had determined to leave as soon as a substitute for me was supplied.

"Mr. Marston then asked me what I proposed doing. I remember as though it was but yesterday, the mixture of pride and humiliation I felt when I told him that I intended starting in business for myself.

"'May I ask,' he said, 'what business you purpose starting in?'

"'Something the same as I have been at,' I said, feeling still more uncomfortable.

"'Oh!' he cried, with a smile, 'you are going to be a rival of ours!'

"'No, no,' I hastened to say, 'I intend buying and selling on commission, and I wish to know, sir, if I may count on you as one of my patrons.'

"'You may count on me,' said he, cordially, 'doing all for you I may fairly do. Young Bayliss,' he added, gravely, 'if you want a hundred or two you have but to say the word. You can pay me back just as you please.'

"I thanked him most sincerely, and told him that for my purposes I wanted little or no capital, except just what would keep me going until I had got my scheme into operation.

"'And,' he said, 'may I ask what exactly is your scheme?'

"'Well, sir,' I said, 'I imagine I am a good judge of fancy logs—'

"'So they tell me, so they tell me,' said he, 'and that is the reason we are sorry to lose you.'

"'And my notion is, that if I go about here and there I may be able to find logs which the owners want to sell, and which my judgment tells me are good value for the money asked. And, sir, when I asked you to help me with your patronage I meant that, would you buy upon my judgment and so put the commission for the sale in my way?'

"'A very good idea for you, indeed,' said the old man. 'A very good notion, indeed. I understand you have made no mistakes up to this, and I have no doubt that we shall be able to do a good deal with you. Of course, you know all things of that kind must be done through Mr. Watkins, the master of the yard.'

"'I have already spoken to Mr. Watkins, sir, and he says that, with your permission, he will be glad to help me.'

"In a month I left Marston & Co., and found myself free to do as I pleased, and with about £80 in my pocket. It so happened that the first day of my liberty, and the first day of the Easter vacation were the same. I thought that, after ten years close application to business, I owed myself a holiday, and therefore I went to Jane and told her I had determined to do nothing until the vacation was over. I often look back to those first days of independence, and think that in them began the great happiness and prosperity which has seemed to increase hour by hour, ever since.

"When Jane's school reopened I went to work with all the vigor of hope and determination. For the first year I was moderately successful. I sold to Mr. Marston several pieces which turned out to his satisfaction, but at the end of the twelve months my financial position had not improved. I had made no more money than if I had remained in the yard. I felt sobered, but not discouraged. I was 27, and Jane 22, and I thought it time we married, but I could not conscientiously ask her to share my small and now uncertain income, and I had determined from the beginning that she should give up school teaching when she became my wife.

"At this time the art of veneering was perhaps at its height, and for the benefit of anyone here who knows nothing of that art, I may say it is simply that of covering what I may call base wood with what I may call precious wood.

"It was in selecting logs which might be profitably cut into veneer I attracted attention at Marston's yard. It was on my judgment in this matter I started in life on my own account. My plan was simple. I wandered from place to place, from sale to sale, from yard to yard, spying out likely-looking pieces and bringing news of them to manufacturers.

"In the course of my wanderings I naturally came into contact with men employed in nearly every wholesale timber-yard in London. Among these was a man named John Fraser, who had always struck me as one possessed of a shrewd knowledge of timber. As with me, he could give no reason for the conclusions at which he arrived. He simply said: 'I like it' or 'I don't,' 'Buy it,' or 'Let it alone,' 'I think it will turn out well,' or 'I am sure it is no good.' In my experience he rarely hesitated, and was, I may say, never wrong. He was not often astray, but on many occasions he would decline to give an opinion any way, merely saying the thing was beyond him.

"One wet, dull, miserable forenoon in February I went into the yard where Fraser was employed. I had nothing to do that day. I knew no fresh consignment had reached that yard since my last visit. I felt depressed, discouraged. The present year had not opened even as well for me as the former one. I began to think Jane and I would have indeed very long to wait before we could start, ever so modestly, our little home. I found Fraser sitting idly on some square Quebec timber. Because of his judgement in logs Fraser was allowed great latitude in laziness. In fact, he was retained almost wholly for the purpose of appraising uncut wood. He was in a peculiar morose and taciturn humor. I could get nothing out of him but negatives. It was not a nice day. There was no news. Nothing had arrived since I was there last. It did not seem as if the seasons were now as they had been long ago. Two large timber firms had not been able to pay their way and were bankrupt. There was no knowing but that his own firm was in a bad way. It was now pretty sure that the end of the world could not be far off. He had no faith in his own judgment of logs, and he began to doubt mine.

"At last he said to me, 'I know there isn't a better judge of stuff in the rough than you, although you are a young man; but wait till you come to my years and may be you'll fancy your opinion less.'

"'Perhaps I may,' said I; 'but so far as I have gone I have never made a very bad guess yet.'

"'Aye, aye, aye—youth is ever over-bold. When I was your age maybe I too thought I couldn't be taken in. But 'tis wonderful how we lose courage as we grow old. You give an opinion twice as readily as I who have had five times your experience. 'Tell me, he cried with sudden animation, 'were you ever downright beaten by a log yet?'

"'Never,' I answered with a laugh. 'I daresay I have not been long enough at the business.'

"'Would you like to be beaten?' he said, getting up and infusing what was for him a great deal of animation into his movements.

"'If you've got anything in stock you think will beat me,' I said, 'let me see it.'

"'Come,' he said defiantly, and without another word he led the way to a remote corner of the yard where I had never been before.

"I followed in silence. In a couple of minutes we stood opposite a piece of mahogany.

"'Eighteen feet by three feet, by three feet,' he said. 'What do you make of it?'

"I looked long and narrowly. There was absolutely no indication of promise in the wood, and yet I felt an uneasy desire to come by that log in some way or another. Not only was there no appearance of promise, but it looked uncouth, ungainly, and certainly a superficial glance would induce any average buyer to pass it over. However it was, the longer I looked the less I liked to leave it there. Something drew me toward it, but whether it was the fascination of attraction or the fascination of repulsion which chained me to the spot, I could not decide.

"'Do you know the price they are asking for it?' I said.

"'Three hundred,' he answered laconically.

"'I'll go and see Mr. Watkins about it.'

"'Yes,' he said in a jealous tone. 'But what do you think of it?'

"'I really don't know,' I said in perplexity.

"'Ha, ha, ha!' he laughed in triumph, 'I told you I'd show you something beyond you. Why, that log has been in stock these six years, and no one will look at it.'

"'I'll bring Mr. Watkins this very day,' I answered, and in a few minutes was out of the yard.

"That afternoon the manager of Marston & Co. and I went back to Fraser.

"'Well,' said the manager, 'Bayliss, I thought you had some gumption until now. Why, it wouldn't pay for the saw. I wouldn't take a gift of it. I wouldn't pay the carriage of it to our place. It's a regular weed.'

"I own I was greatly discouraged, but I was more disturbed than discouraged. I could not get out of my mind that there was some secret hidden in that log. I lay awake half the night thinking of it. When I slept I dreamed that Marston & Co. bought it on my recommendation, that it turned out badly and that my old employers told me they would have nothing further to do with me, and bade me good-bye forever. Next morning, when I awoke, I was still more unsettled in my mind than I had been the previous evening. I need not say that I attached no importance to my dream. But still my dream helped me to one determination. I resolved not to urge the purchase of the mahogany upon Marston & Co. Then, after long and careful thought, I made up my mind as to the course I should adopt. I went to the city and sought my old employer. I said to him:

"'When I was leaving you, sir, more than a year ago, you were kind enough to say you would lend me £100 or £200 if I wanted it to start me in business. If you have the same confidence in me now as you had then, I would feel very much obliged to you indeed for a loan of the money.'

"The old man pushed his spectacles up on his forehead, and looked at me for a moment in silence. 'Bayliss, I have just the same confidence in you as ever. You can have the money, with pleasure.' Then readjusting his spectacles, he continued: 'To show how much I trust you, and believe in you, I will not ask you what you intend doing with the money. Wait a moment.' He took out a check-book, filled a check up for £200, and handed it to me.

"My eyes filled with tears of gratitude at the kindly act of this good old man, and for a moment or two I could not trust myself to speak. As soon as I was somewhat 'ro of the steadiness of my voice I said, 'I cannot thank you sufficiently, sir, I will not try. I hope you may never be sorry for this, and I hope you may never be ashamed of me.'

"'I am sure I shall not, my dear Bayliss; I am sure I shall not,' he said, with generous good nature.

"'It is only fair, sir, that I should now tell you,' I said, 'that I want this money for my first Speculation. I intend buying a log with it and some of my own savings.'

"'Ah!' he laughed, 'I told you it would come to your rivaling us in the end. Now that you have told me so much, tell me a little more. Why are not we to buy this log?'

"'Because, sir, it is the only one in my experience I ever was doubtful about, and I could not think of allowing you, after all your kindness to me, to run any risk. And now, sir, I have to ask you for an additional favor. Will you allow the log to be cut for me in your yard?'

"'Mr. Marston said he would be happy to do so, and I went away with a sense of heavy responsibility and gratitude too deep for words.

"That day I bought the unpromising piece of timber for £265, and the next day it was in Marston's yard, in front of the great circular eighteen-foot saw.

"Watkins could scarcely restrain his laughter, and I really believe that, but for the sake of old friendship, he would have treated me with open scorn. But at the bottom of his rough nature there was a good deal of kindliness which he took great care to conceal. So that after the first surprise of my purchase he tried rather to encourage than depress me, and said that perhaps the log would not prove so badly as he had supposed. 'And you know,' he said, 'in any case we shall be able to let you have at least half your money for the stuff when it is cut up. However queer it may turn out, we can either work it up ourselves or sell it.'

"At last the great saw was started, and Watkins and I stood by to watch the result. The first and second leaf came off, and discovered nothing but a dark center line running down the whole length. The third showed a thickening and blurring of this line. The fourth was broader, and still more blurred. The same characteristic appeared increased in the fifth. The sixth and seventh revealed the markings broadening and assuming something like a definite shape. At the eighth the grain took a sharper outline. We were now two inches into the wood.

"'Two sixty-five you gave for it,' said Watkins. 'Come, I don't like to see you lose your money. That is, half of it, I mean. I'll give you 200 for the log.'

"I shook my head and said, 'No. Go on.' I felt excited. My misgivings were fading away, and I began to have a tremulous anticipation of triumph. We went on for another inch. Now there could be no doubt. A regular pattern was gradually unfolding itself.

"'I'll give you three hundred for it,' said Watkins.

"'No,' I cried, 'I'll keep my luck, good or bad.'

"At that time I felt my future was in the balance. If, as we went on, the pattern now indicated increased, the leaves would be worth a small fortune. As it was, and supposing the pattern did not develop, the wood was of much more value than the money I had given for it.

"At this point some one called Watkins away, and he did not return until six inches had been cut into leaves. I was now in a state of tumultuous excitement. Not only had what I may call the design expanded and taken sharper outline, but there could be no longer any doubt that the bulk was, in my regard, a benignant freak of nature. For it revealed what, in lieu of any other way of expressing it, I may call a decorative treatment of the acanthus leaf. This appeared in about three-fourths of the entire length of the grain, beginning about an eighth from one end and ending about an eighth from the other.

"'What do you think of it now?' I cried triumphantly to Watkins.

"'It's wonderful,' he said. 'It's the finest thing of the kind I ever saw. Come, I'll give you twice what you paid. What do you say? It isn't every day you get a chance of making £265 on one transaction.'

"'I'll keep my luck,' I cried. 'I'll keep it, however it may turn out.'

"Watkins once more went away. I was in too great a fever of excitement to heed his action, but afterward I learned he had sent a messenger for Mr. Marston. In a short time the old man came briskly into the yard.

"'So, young Bayliss,' he said, 'I hear you have had a wonderful stroke of luck with that log. Oh!' he cried, enthusiastically, it's a beauty! Upon my life, it is a beauty! Will you sell it as it stands?'

"I shook my head. 'Mr. Watkins has been good enough,' to offer me £530, double what I gave for it, but I'd rather not take the money, sir, if you don't mind.'"

"'Pooh!' cried the old man, 'I'll make it £750. Eh! Will you take £750?'

"By this time we had got a third through; and leaf by leaf the pattern had grown in diameter and richness of design. For a moment I wavered. Here was a chance of £485 without any risk whatever. Yet still I was loth to part with that log. I said to myself after a moment's struggle, 'Sink or swim, I will keep it.' Then aloud: 'As soon as it is all cut you shall have it, if you like, at what you may consider a fair price.'

"I will not trouble you with any further details beyond telling you that cutting after cutting added to the value of my purchase, and that by the time the great saw passed through that wood finally Mr. Marston had said to me: 'It is worth every penny of £1,500, and you can have £1,500 for it if that will satisfy you.'

"I closed with the old man there and then, hurried out of the yard, and, taking a cab, drove straight with the news to Jane.

"That was the beginning of my good fortune. The next and greatest good luck that came to me was my wife. Since we were married we have prospered beyond my most ardent hopes of the olden time. I have always regarded that mahogany log, as the basis of my fortune, the foundation of my success. It has helped me to the building of this house, which out of gratitude to it I have called the Log Hut. You may have observed that among the presents which kind friends have poured in upon Kate, my daughter, on this occasion, there was none from me. I have kept this story until now in order to give point to my wedding gift. The carriage is at the door, but before the young people set out, accompanied by the good wishes of all, I think it only right they should know that the present I intend for them upon the occasion of their marriage is the Log Hut of Clapham."

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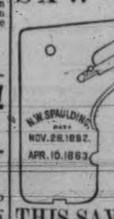


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